

VALIDATION FORM

Int ID	Sample Week	Date	Time	Vessel ID	Vessel Name	CH or HB?	State	County	Site	Status	Source

Comments:

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* See reverse side for variable descriptions and acceptable values. *

Validation Variables and Values

- **Interviewer ID** MRFSS interviewer ID (4 digits).
- **Sample Week** The week in which the validation must occur. This information will be provided to each interviewer.
- **Date** The date on which the validation occurred.
- **Time** The time of the validation visit.
- **Vessel ID** As listed in the vessel directory. This number is fixed and confidential, and it should never be changed or shared with anyone.
- **Vessel Name** As listed in the vessel directory. Please update, if necessary.
- **CH or HB?** Please note whether the vessel operates as a charter boat (“CH”), or head (party) boat (“HB”) the majority of the time. Charter boats usually carry 6 or fewer passengers and are hired by one or more pre-formed groups. Head (party) boats are usually licensed to carry 7 or more passengers, and individuals each pay a fee for a place on the boat.
- **State** As listed in the vessel directory. Please update, if necessary.
- **County** The county in which the validation occurred. Please update if different from the vessel directory.
- **Site** The site at which the validation occurred. Please update if different from the vessel directory.
The following codes may be used for vessels not located at an existing MRFSS intercept site:

7777 = private access site
8888 = unknown public access site
9999 = refused site information
- **Status** The status of the vessel. Please use the following codes:

1 = Vessel in
2 = Vessel out – charter or head boat fishing
3 = Unable to validate-(e.g., trailored vessel, or otherwise can't locate after physically attempting)
4 = Vessel out – non-charter/ head boat activities
5 = Vessel out – fishing status unknown
6 = Vessel not in slip, not in water (dry dock)
8 = Not applicable-(when the vessel becomes ineligible during the wave; status 8 should be used only rarely)
- **Source** The source of the status code.

1 = Direct observation by interviewer
2 = Secondary information (such as marina operator, booking agent, etc.)